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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hector F. DeLuca, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/769,579  
Filed: January 25, 2001  
For: METHOD OF TREATMENT OF TYPE I  
DIABETES  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the May 15, 2002 Office Action and in the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully submit the following.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6 - 10.

Please amend claim 1.

1. (Twice Amended) A method of eliminating the onset of diabetes in a human patient, comprising the step of orally administering to the patient an effective amount of a 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxy vitamin D compound such that the onset of diabetes or diabetes symptoms is eliminated.

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